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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Kazimiera Bober on the  
4 occasion of her 40th anniversary of her immigration to the  
5 United States and the 36th anniversary of starting her  
6 business; and

7           WHEREAS, Dreaming of a better life for herself and her  
8 children, Kazimiera Bober immigrated to the United States from  
9 Poland 40 years ago; after years of working odd jobs and  
10 struggling financially, she decided to pursue something in  
11 which she excelled, which was cooking; and

12           WHEREAS, In December of 1982, Kazimiera Bober opened her  
13 deli and began to offer home cooking to neighborhood customers;  
14 she would cook at night and sell her ethnic cuisine during the  
15 day; through her hard work, perseverance, and dedication, she  
16 was able to create a successful business; and

17           WHEREAS, As her clientele grew, Kazimiera Bober began to  
18 recognize that pierogi were her best-selling items; after years  
19 of showcasing her products at neighborhood festivals, she was  
20 asked to participate at the Taste of Chicago, one of the  
21 largest food festivals in the country; it was also at that time  
22 that she won the first of four consecutive awards for "The Best

1 Pierogi in Chicago"; through her new-found acclaim, she was  
2 able to get her pierogi into some of the largest supermarkets  
3 in the Chicagoland area; and

4 WHEREAS, Kazimiera Bober was chosen by Newsweek magazine as  
5 one of the top 15 entrepreneurs who "create exquisite food with  
6 the finest ingredients and whose product transcends ethnic  
7 orientation"; her pierogi have been sampled by dignitaries such  
8 as President Bill Clinton, Vice President Dick Cheney, Mayor of  
9 Chicago Richard M. Daley, Illinois Governor George Ryan, and  
10 Illinois State Representatives Maria Antonia "Toni" Berrios  
11 and Robert F. Martwick; her pierogi were also the first ever to  
12 be served aboard United Airlines, the biggest airline in the  
13 world; and

14 WHEREAS, Kazimiera Bober, with the help of her children and  
15 now grandchildren, is successfully fulfilling her "American  
16 Dream"; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we congratulate Kazimiera Bober on the occasion of her 40th  
20 anniversary of her immigration to the United States and the  
21 36th anniversary of starting her business and wish her  
22 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it  
23 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Kazimiera Bober as a symbol of our esteem and  
3 respect.